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SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all the questions by checking the circle to the left of your answer. You are sometimes told to skip over some questions in this survey. When this happens you will see a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this:

- ☐ Yes **Go to Question 1**
☐ No

Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope within **seven days**. If you have misplaced the envelope, our address is:

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Authority: 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55, Public Law 102-484, E.O. 9397.

Purpose: This survey helps health policy makers gauge beneficiary satisfaction with the current military healthcare system and provides valuable input from beneficiaries that will be used to improve the Military Health System.

Routine Uses: None

Disclosure: Voluntary. Failure to respond will not result in any penalty to the respondent. However, maximum participation is encouraged so that data will be as complete and representative as possible.

-----SURVEY STARTS HERE-----

The person to whom this questionnaire was addressed should be the person who completes it.

1. Which health plan did you use for all or most of your healthcare in the last 12 months? MARK ONLY ONE.

- ☐ TRICARE Prime
☐ TRICARE Senior Prime
☐ TRICARE Extra or Standard (CHAMPUS)
☐ Medicare, Part A and/or Part B (including both regular Medicare and a Medicare HMO)
☐ Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)
☐ Medicaid
☐ A Civilian HMO (such as Kaiser)
☐ Other civilian health insurance (such as Blue Cross)
☐ Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP)
☐ Not sure
☐ Did not use any health plan in the last 12 months **Go to Question 3**

For the remainder of this questionnaire, the term health plan refers to the plan you marked in Question 1.

2. How many months or years in a row have you been in this health plan?

- ☐ Less than 6 months ☐ 12 up to 24 months ☐ 5 up to 10 years
☐ 6 up to 12 months ☐ 2 up to 5 years ☐ 10 or more years



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3. Which of the following healthcare plans are you currently covered by? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ TRICARE Prime
- ☐ TRICARE Senior Prime
- ☐ TRICARE Extra or Standard (CHAMPUS)
- ☐ Medicare, Part A
- ☐ Medicare, Part B (including regular Medicare and a Medicare HMO)
- ☐ Medigap supplemental insurance (a policy you purchase directly from insurance companies that pays expenses not covered by Medicare)
- ☐ Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ A civilian HMO (such as Kaiser)
- ☐ Other civilian health insurance (such as Blue Cross)
- ☐ Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP)
- ☐ Not sure

4. How is your enrollment fee or insurance policy premium paid?

- ☐ No cost to me or my family. A present or former employer, union, or other organization pays the entire cost.
- ☐ I or my family share the cost with a present or former employer, union, or other organization.
- ☐ I or my family pay the entire cost.
- ☐ Not sure.

-----YOUR PERSONAL DOCTOR, OR NURSE-----

The next questions ask you about your own healthcare. Do not include care you got when you stayed overnight in a hospital. Do not include the times you went for dental care visits.

5. A personal doctor or nurse is the health provider who knows you best. This can be a general doctor, a specialist doctor, a nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant.

When you joined your health plan or at any time since then, did you get a new personal doctor or nurse?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 7

6. With the choices your health plan gave you, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get a personal doctor or nurse you are happy with?

- ☐ A big problem ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ A small problem ☐ I didn't get a new personal doctor or nurse.

7. Do you have one person you think of as your personal doctor or nurse?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 9

8. We want to know your rating of your personal doctor or nurse.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst personal doctor or nurse possible, and 10 is the best personal doctor or nurse possible. How would you rate your personal doctor or nurse now?

- ☐ 0 Worst personal doctor or nurse possible
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 Best personal doctor or nurse possible
- ☐ I don't have a personal doctor or nurse.

9. Are you currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime or Senior Prime?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Go to Question 12

10. As a member of TRICARE Prime or Senior Prime, do you have a Primary Care Manager (PCM) based in a military or civilian facility?

(In TRICARE Prime and Senior Prime, a PCM is a healthcare provider who is your primary point of contact with the health system. He or she provides routine care, coordinates your total healthcare, arranges for hospital admissions, makes referrals to specialists, maintains health records, and recommends preventive and wellness services.)

- ☐ A primary care manager based at a military facility
- ☐ A primary care manager based at a civilian facility
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Not a member of TRICARE Prime or Senior Prime

11. Do you know your PCM's name?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

-----GETTING HEALTHCARE FROM A SPECIALIST-----

When you answer the next questions, do not include dental visits.

12. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors, and others who specialize in one area of healthcare.

In the last 12 months, did you or a doctor or nurse think you needed to see a specialist?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Go to Question 14

13. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get a referral to a specialist that you needed to see?

- ☐ A big problem
- ☐ A small problem
- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ I didn't need to see a specialist in the last 12 months.



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14. In the last 12 months, did you see a specialist?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 17

15. We want to know your rating of the specialist you saw most often in the last 12 months, including a personal doctor if he or she was a specialist.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst specialist possible, and 10 is the best specialist possible. How would you rate the specialist?

- ☐ 0 Worst specialist possible
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10 Best specialist possible
☐ I didn't see a specialist in the last 12 months.

16. In the last 12 months, was the specialist you saw most often the same doctor as your personal doctor?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't have a personal doctor or I didn't see a specialist in the last 12 months.

-----CALLING DOCTORS' OFFICES-----

17. In the last 12 months, did you call a doctor's office or clinic during regular office hours to get help or advice for yourself?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 19

18. In the last 12 months, when you called during regular office hours, how often did you get the help or advice you needed ?

- ☐ Never ☐ Always
☐ Sometimes ☐ I didn't call for help or advice during regular office hours in the last 12 months.
☐ Usually

-----YOUR HEALTHCARE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS-----

19. A health provider could be a general doctor, a specialist doctor, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a nurse, or anyone else you would see for healthcare.

In the last 12 months, did you make any appointments with a doctor or other health provider for regular or routine healthcare?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 22

20. In the last 12 months, how often did you get an appointment for regular or routine healthcare as soon as you wanted?

- ☐ Never ☐ Always
☐ Sometimes ☐ I didn't need an appointment for regular or routine care in the last 12 months.
☐ Usually

21. In the last 12 months, how many days did you usually have to wait between making an appointment for regular or routine care and actually seeing a provider?

- ☐ Same day ☐ 15-30 days
☐ 1 day ☐ 31 days or longer
☐ 2-3 days ☐ I tried but could not get an appointment.
☐ 4-7 days ☐ I didn't need an appointment for regular or routine care in the last 12 months.
☐ 8-14 days

22. In the last 12 months, did you have an illness or injury that needed care right away from a doctor's office, clinic, or emergency room?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 25

23. In the last 12 months, when you needed care right away for an illness or injury, how often did you get care as soon as you wanted?

- ☐ Never ☐ Usually ☐ I didn't need care right away for an illness or injury in last 12 months.
☐ Sometimes ☐ Always

24. In the last 12 months, how long did you usually have to wait between trying to get care and actually seeing a provider for an illness or injury?

- ☐ Same day ☐ 4-7 days
☐ 1 day ☐ 8-14 days
☐ 2 days ☐ 15 days or longer
☐ 3 days ☐ I didn't need care right away for an illness or injury in the last 12 months.

25. In the last 12 months, how many times did you go to an emergency room to get care for yourself?

- ☐ None ☐ 1 ☐ 2-3 ☐ 4-6 ☐ More than 6

26. In the last 12 months (not counting times you went to an emergency room), how many times did you go to a doctor's office or clinic to get care for yourself?

- ☐ None Go to Question 37
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5 to 9
☐ 10 or more

27. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the care you or a doctor believed necessary?

- ☐ A big problem ☐ A small problem ☐ Not a problem ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.



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28. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, were delays in healthcare while you waited for approval from your health plan?

- ☐ A big problem ☐ A small problem ☐ Not a problem ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

29. In the last 12 months, how often did you wait in the doctor's office or clinic more than 15 minutes past your appointment time to see the person you went to see?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

30. In the last 12 months, how often did office staff at a doctor's office or clinic treat you with courtesy and respect?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

31. In the last 12 months, how often were office staff at a doctor's office or clinic as helpful as you thought they should be?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

32. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers listen carefully to you?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

33. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers explain things in a way you could understand?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

34. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers show respect for what you had to say?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

35. In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers spend enough time with you?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Usually ☐ Always ☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

36. We want to know your rating of all your healthcare in the last 12 months from all doctors and other health providers.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst healthcare possible, and 10 is the best healthcare possible. How would you rate all your healthcare?

- ☐ 0 Worst healthcare possible
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10 Best healthcare possible
☐ I had no visits in the last 12 months.

37. In the last 12 months, did you need any treatment or counseling for a personal or family problem?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 40

38. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the treatment or counseling you needed through your health plan?

- ☐ A big problem ☐ Not a problem
☐ A small problem ☐ I didn't need to get any treatment or counseling in the last 12 months

39. We want to know your rating of all the treatment or counseling you got in the last 12 months.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst treatment or counseling possible, and 10 is the best treatment or counseling possible. How would you rate your treatment or counseling?

- ☐ 0 Worst treatment or counseling possible
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10 Best treatment or counseling possible

40. Is there a military treatment facility (MTF) located conveniently to you?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

41. In the past 12 months, how much of your healthcare did you receive from a MTF? Do not count MTF pharmacy use as healthcare.

- ☐ All of my healthcare that was available at the MTF ☐ Some but not most of my healthcare
☐ Most of my healthcare ☐ None of my healthcare

42. In the past 12 months, how many of your prescriptions were filled at a MTF pharmacy?

- ☐ All of my prescriptions were filled at a MTF pharmacy
☐ Most but not all of my prescriptions were filled at a MTF pharmacy
☐ Some but not most of my prescriptions were filled at a MTF pharmacy
☐ None of my prescriptions were filled at a MTF pharmacy

43. In the last 12 months, how many prescriptions did you have that were written by a civilian provider but were filled at a military pharmacy? INCLUDE REFILLS.

- ☐ None ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 11-15 ☐ More than 15

44. In the last 12 months, where did you go most often for your healthcare? MARK ONLY ONE ANSWER.

- ☐ A military facility - This includes: Military clinic, Military hospital, PRIMUS clinic, NAVCARE clinic
☐ A civilian facility - This includes: Doctor's office, Clinic, Hospital, Civilian TRICARE contractor
☐ Uniformed Services Family Health Plan facility (USFHP)
☐ Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic or hospital
☐ I went to none of the listed types of facility in the last 12 months.



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-----YOUR HEALTH PLAN-----

The next questions ask about your experiences with your health plan. By your health plan, we mean the health plan you marked in Question 1.

45. Claims are sent to a health plan for payment. You may send in the claims yourself, or doctors, hospitals, or others may do this for you.

In the last 12 months, did you or anyone else send in any claims to your health plan?

☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 49 ☐ Don't know Go to Question 49

46. In the last 12 months, how often did your health plan handle your claims in a reasonable time?

☐ Never ☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes ☐ Always ☐ No claims were sent for me in the last 12 months.

47. In the last 12 months, how often did your health plan handle your claims correctly?

☐ Never ☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes ☐ Always ☐ No claims were sent for me in the last 12 months.

48. In the last 12 months, before you went for care, how often did your health plan make it clear how much you would have to pay?

☐ Never ☐ Usually ☐ Don't know
☐ Sometimes ☐ Always ☐ No claims were sent for me in the last 12 months.

49. In the last 12 months, did you look for any information in written materials from your health plan?

☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but I never got any information Go to Question 51 ☐ No Go to Question 51

50. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to find or understand information in the written materials?

☐ A big problem ☐ Not a problem
☐ A small problem ☐ I didn't look for information from my health plan in the last 12 months.

51. In the last 12 months, did you call your health plan's customer service to get information or help ?

☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 53

52. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the help you needed when you called your health plan's customer service?

☐ A big problem ☐ Not a problem
☐ A small problem ☐ I didn't call my health plan's customer service in the last 12 months.

53. In the last 12 months, have you called or written your health plan with a complaint or problem?

☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 56

54. How long did it take for the health plan to resolve your complaint?

- ☐ Same day ☐ 4 or more weeks
☐ 1 week ☐ I am still waiting for it to be settled.
☐ 2 weeks ☐ I haven't called or written with a complaint or problem in the last 12 months.
☐ 3 weeks

55. Was your complaint or problem settled to your satisfaction?

- ☐ Yes ☐ I am still waiting for it to be settled.
☐ No ☐ I haven't called or written with a complaint or problem in the last 12 months.

56. Paperwork means things like getting your TRICARE card, having your records changed, processing forms, or other paperwork related to getting care.

In the last 12 months, did you have any experiences with paperwork for your health plan?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 58

57. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, did you have with paperwork for your health plan?

- ☐ A big problem
☐ A small problem
☐ Not a problem
☐ I didn't have any experiences with paperwork for my health plan in the last 12 months.

58. We want to know your rating of all your experience with your health plan.

Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst health plan possible, and 10 is the best health plan possible. How would you rate your health plan now?

- ☐ 0 Worst health plan possible
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9
☐ 10 Best health plan possible

59. If you are currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime, how likely are you to disenroll from TRICARE Prime for a different type of health plan in the next 12 months?

- ☐ Very unlikely
☐ Unlikely
☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
☐ Likely
☐ Very likely
☐ Not sure
☐ I am not currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime



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60. If you are not currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime, how likely are you to enroll in TRICARE Prime in the next 12 months?

- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Neither likely nor unlikely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ I am currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime

61. In the last 12 months, how much did you and your family spend for healthcare that was not covered by your health plan? For example, how much did you spend on premiums, enrollment fees, co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles, payments for non-covered items, balance billing by providers, or other payments for office visits?

- ☐ \$0
- ☐ \$1 - \$500
- ☐ \$501 - \$1,000
- ☐ \$1,001 - \$1,500
- ☐ More than \$1,500
- ☐ Not sure

-----PREVENTIVE CARE-----

Preventive care is medical care you receive that is intended to maintain your good health or prevent a future medical problem, such as a physical or a cholesterol screening.

62. Not counting when you were sick or pregnant, when was the last time you had a general medical or physical examination or checkup?

- ☐ Less than 12 months ago
- ☐ 1 to 2 years ago
- ☐ More than 2 but less than 5 years ago
- ☐ 5 or more years ago
- ☐ Never had a general physical or checkup

63. When did you last have a blood pressure reading?

- ☐ Less than 12 months ago
- ☐ 1 to 2 years ago
- ☐ More than 2 years ago

64. Do you know if your blood pressure is too high or not?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

65. When did you last have a cholesterol screening, that is, a test to determine the level of cholesterol in your blood?

- ☐ Less than 12 months ago
- ☐ 1 to 2 years ago
- ☐ More than 2 but less than 5 years ago
- ☐ 5 or more years ago
- ☐ Never had a cholesterol screening

66. When did you last have a flu shot?

- ☐ Less than 12 months ago
- ☐ 1 to 2 years ago
- ☐ More than 2 years ago
- ☐ Never had a flu shot

67. Have you ever smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 71 ☐ Don't know Go to Question 71

68. Do you now smoke every day, some days or not at all?

- ☐ Every day Go to Question 70 ☐ Not at all
☐ Some days Go to Question 70 ☐ Don't know Go to Question 71

69. How long has it been since you quit smoking cigarettes?

- ☐ Less than 12 months ☐ 12 months or more Go to Question 71 ☐ Don't know Go to Question 71

70. In the last 12 months, on how many visits were you advised to quit smoking by a doctor or other health provider in your plan?

- ☐ None ☐ 1 visit ☐ 2 to 4 visits ☐ 5 to 9 visits ☐ 10 or more visits

71. Are you male or female?

- ☐ Male Go to Question 72 ☐ Female Go to Question 73

72. When was the last time you had a prostate gland examination or blood test for prostate disease?

- ☐ Within the last 12 months ☐ 5 or more years ago
☐ 1 to 2 years ago ☐ Never had a prostate gland examination
☐ More than 2 but less than 5 years ago
Go to Question 80

73. When did you last have a Pap smear test?

- ☐ Within the last 12 months ☐ 5 or more years ago
☐ 1 to 3 years ago ☐ Never had a Pap smear test
☐ More than 3 but less than 5 years ago

74. Are you under age 40?

- ☐ Yes Go to Question 76 ☐ No

75. When was the last time your breasts were checked by mammography?

- ☐ Within the last 12 months ☐ 5 or more years ago
☐ 1 to 2 years ago ☐ Never had a mammogram
☐ More than 2 years but less than 5 years ago

76. When was the last time you had a breast exam by a healthcare professional?

- ☐ Within the last 12 months ☐ 5 or more years ago
☐ 1 to 2 years ago ☐ Never had a breast exam
☐ More than 2 years but less than 5 years ago



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77. Have you been pregnant in the last 12 months or are you pregnant now?

- ☐ Yes, I am currently pregnant **Go to Question 78**
- ☐ No, I am not currently pregnant, but have been in the past 12 months **Go to Question 79**
- ☐ No, I am not currently pregnant, and have not been pregnant in the past 12 months **Go to Question 80**

78. In what trimester is your pregnancy?

- ☐ First trimester ☐ Second trimester ☐ Third trimester

79. In which trimester did you first receive prenatal care?

- ☐ First trimester ☐ Second trimester ☐ Third trimester ☐ Did not receive prenatal care

-----ABOUT YOU-----

80. In general, how would you rate your overall health now?

- ☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

81. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?

- ☐ 8th grade or less ☐ Some college or 2-year degree
- ☐ Some high school, but did not graduate ☐ 4-year college graduate
- ☐ High school graduate or GED ☐ More than 4-year college degree

82. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent? (Mark "NO" if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.)

- ☐ No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano ☐ Yes, other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

83. What is your race? (Mark ONE OR MORE races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese)
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)

84. What is your age now?

- ☐ 18 to 24 **Go to Question 98** ☐ 45 to 54 **Go to Question 98** ☐ 75 or older **Go to Question 85**
- ☐ 25 to 34 **Go to Question 98** ☐ 55 to 64 **Go to Question 98**
- ☐ 35 to 44 **Go to Question 98** ☐ 65 to 74 **Go to Question 85**

Recent legislation entitles military retirees to many new health benefits. DoD is using information from this survey to plan for these new benefits. The following questions ask how you use your benefits now and how you will use them when the new benefits take effect.

85. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any of the following? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Hardening of the arteries or arteriosclerosis
- ☐ Hypertension, sometimes called high blood pressure
- ☐ A myocardial infarction or heart attack
- ☐ Angina pectoris or coronary heart disease
- ☐ Other heart conditions such as congestive heart failure, problems with the valves in your heart, or problems with the rhythm of your heart beat
- ☐ A stroke, brain hemorrhage, or cerebrovascular accident
- ☐ Skin cancer
- ☐ Any other kind of cancer
- ☐ Diabetes, high blood sugar, or sugar in your urine
- ☐ Rheumatoid arthritis
- ☐ Arthritis (including osteoarthritis) other than rheumatoid arthritis
- ☐ Osteoporosis, sometimes called fragile or brittle bones
- ☐ A broken hip
- ☐ Alzheimer's disease or dementia
- ☐ A mental or psychiatric disorder
- ☐ Parkinson's disease
- ☐ Emphysema, asthma, or COPD
- ☐ Complete or partial paralysis

86. In the past 12 months, have you used MTFs for healthcare other than prescription drugs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Go to Question 90

87. In the past 12 months, how many times did you visit a doctor's office, clinic, or emergency room at a MTF?

- ☐ None ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 to 9 ☐ 10 or more

88. In the past 12 months, how many nights did you stay overnight as a patient at a MTF?

- ☐ None ☐ 1 ☐ 2 to 4 ☐ 5 to 7 ☐ 8 to 9 ☐ 10 or more

89. In the past 12 months, did you use any MTF for any of the following? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Emergency care from an emergency room
- ☐ Urgent care from someplace other than an emergency room
- ☐ Preventive care, such as a prostate exam or a breast exam
- ☐ Routine care, such as a physical check-up
- ☐ Hospital care in which you stayed overnight at a MTF
- ☐ Labs and x-rays
- ☐ Surgery or diagnostic procedures that did not require an overnight stay
- ☐ Care from a specialist



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Beginning October 1, 2001, military retirees, family members and survivors who are eligible for Medicare will receive additional health benefits from TRICARE if they are enrolled in Medicare Part B. Most Medicare eligible beneficiaries already have Medicare Part B, the optional part of Medicare that pays for doctor bills. A premium for Part B is deducted from the monthly Social Security check.

After October 1, beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part B will be able to use civilian doctors for any service covered by both Medicare and TRICARE without paying deductibles, coinsurance, or copayments. TRICARE will also pay for prescription drugs not covered by Medicare. Beneficiaries can continue to use military facilities on a space-available basis, regardless of enrollment in Part B.

90. Are you covered by Medicare Part B now?

- ☐ Yes **Go to Question 92** ☐ No

91. With this new benefit, will you begin paying the Medicare Part B premium?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Go to Question 94

92. Are you enrolled in TRICARE Senior Prime now?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No **Go to Question 94**

93. As a result of the new benefit, will you disenroll from TRICARE Senior Prime after October 1, 2001?

- ☐ I will definitely disenroll ☐ I will probably not disenroll ☐ Don't know
☐ I will probably disenroll ☐ I would definitely not disenroll

Go to Question 98

94. As a result of the new benefit, will you change your use of space-available care at MTFs after October 1, 2001?

- ☐ No, I do not use space-available care at MTFs or plan to use it in the future
☐ No, I will use space-available care at MTFs as often as I do now
☐ Yes, I will use space-available care at MTFs less than I do now
☐ Yes, I will use space-available care at MTFs more than I do now
☐ Don't know

95. Will you use space-available care at a MTF for any of the following reasons? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Emergency care from an emergency room
☐ Prescription drugs
☐ Urgent care from someplace other than an emergency room
☐ Preventive care, such as a prostate exam or a breast exam
☐ Routine care, such as a physical check-up
☐ Hospital care requiring a stay overnight at a MTF
☐ Labs and x-rays
☐ Surgery or diagnostic procedures that do not require an overnight stay
☐ Care from a specialist
☐ I will not use space-available care at a MTF

DoD is evaluating the option of permitting beneficiaries who pay for Medicare Part B to enroll in TRICARE Prime. Anyone who enrolled in Prime would be entitled to care from a MTF or from a civilian network provider contracted with DoD. Anyone who enrolled would be required to have a primary physician or facility, called a primary care manager (PCM), to manage their care. Anyone who paid for Part B and did not enroll in Prime could use civilian doctors for services covered by TRICARE and Medicare with no deductibles, coinsurance, or copayments and could use MTFs for space-available care.

96. If you were given the option of enrolling in TRICARE Prime, would you enroll?

- ☐ I would definitely not enroll in TRICARE Prime Go to Question 98
- ☐ I would probably not enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ I would probably enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ I would definitely enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ Don't know

97. If TRICARE Prime did not allow you to have a MTF or military doctor as your PCM, would you enroll?

- ☐ I would definitely not enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ I would probably not enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ I would probably enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ I would definitely enroll in TRICARE Prime
- ☐ Don't know

98. Which of the following are important to you in your decision whether to use a MTF for your healthcare? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Cost to you
- ☐ Convenience of location
- ☐ Quality of healthcare
- ☐ Convenience of telephone access
- ☐ Timeliness of appointments
- ☐ Military courtesy
- ☐ Relationship with a personal physician
- ☐ Co-location of services in a MTF
- ☐ Lack of paperwork/claims

99. Of the reasons listed in Question 98, which is the single most important reason to you in your decision whether to use a MTF for your healthcare? MARK ONLY ONE.

- ☐ Cost to you
- ☐ Convenience of location
- ☐ Quality of healthcare
- ☐ Convenience of telephone access
- ☐ Timeliness of appointments
- ☐ Military courtesy
- ☐ Relationship with a personal physician
- ☐ Co-location of services in a MTF
- ☐ Lack of paperwork/claims

100. Which of the following sources are you likely to use for information regarding changes to your military healthcare benefit? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- ☐ Retiree organization newsletter
- ☐ Health Benefits Advisor
- ☐ Pamphlets in a MTF
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Base newspaper
- ☐ Information in retired pay statement
- ☐ T.V.
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Friends or relatives
- ☐ Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinators (BCACs)

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